

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:

- engaging a manipulating device with the apex of the heart to define a chamber;
- applying vacuum pressure to the chamber; and
- deploying a bag-like device around at least a portion of the heart, the bag-like device comprising a netting having at least one mesh aperture.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising manipulating the heart with the bag-like device.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein manipulating the heart comprises lifting the heart.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising securing the bag-like device around the heart.

**Claim 5 (Original):** The method of claim 4, wherein securing the bag-like device around the heart comprises pulling a drawstring.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 5, further comprising constricting one end of the bag-like device by pulling the drawstring.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein deploying the bag-like device around the heart comprises unrolling the bag-like device.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
threading a vacuum tube through an aperture in the bag-like device; and  
applying vacuum pressure to the chamber through the vacuum tube.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising cutting the bag-like device to  
expose a region of the heart.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein cutting the bag-like device  
comprises insertion of at least part of a cutting instrument into ~~a~~ the mesh aperture of the bag-like  
device.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising cutting the bag-  
like device to remove the bag-like ~~from~~ device from around the heart.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:  
a manipulating device that is adapted to contact an organ; and  
a bag-like device comprising a netting having at least one mesh aperture that is adapted to  
extend around a substantial volume of the organ and the manipulating device.

Claim 13 (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, the bag-like device comprising a pliable netting.

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, the bag-like device comprising a center region  
that engages the manipulating device.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, the bag-like device comprising a center region  
and a perimeter, the perimeter comprising a pliable netting and a drawstring.

Claim 17 (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the bag-like device is formed from a flexible polymer.

Claim 18 (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a support shaft coupled to the manipulating device.

Claim 19 (Original): The apparatus of claim 18, the support shaft comprising a vacuum tube.

Claim 20 (Original): The apparatus of claim 18, the bag-like device further comprising an aperture sized to permit passage of the support shaft and sized to block passage of the manipulating device.

Claim 21 (Original): A method comprising:  
engaging an organ with a manipulating device;  
deploying a bag-like device around a substantial volume of the organ; and  
manipulating the organ with the manipulating device and the bag-like device.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): The method of claim 21, wherein engaging the organ with the manipulating device comprises:

engaging the manipulating device with the organ to define a chamber; and  
applying vacuum pressure to the chamber such that a portion of the manipulating device deforms to substantially seal the chamber against leakage.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of claim 21, wherein manipulating the organ comprises at least one of lifting, supporting, twisting and moving the organ.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 21, further comprising securing the bag-like device around the organ.

Claim 25 (Original): The method of claim 21, wherein deploying the bag-like device comprises unrolling the bag-like device.

Claim 26 (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising cutting the bag-like device.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein deploying the bag-like device comprises deploying the bag-like device after engaging the manipulating device with the apex of the heart.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): The method of claim 21, wherein deploying the bag-like device comprises deploying the bag-like device after engaging the organ with the manipulating device.